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RESOLUTION NO. 6, 2018

CITY CLERK

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING ERIE CANAL ROAD FROM EAST MARGARET DRIVE TO EAST DAVIS DRIVE AS THE "OFFICER ROB S. PITTS MEMORIAL WAY."

WHEREAS, the City of Terre Haute, Indiana, from time to time has designated certain areas as landmarks to honor individuals for accomplishments or contributions to the City; and,

WHEREAS, Rob Pitts began his career of public service with the Sullivan City Police as a police officer; and,

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2001, Rob Pitts became an officer with the Terre Haute Police Department. He graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in June, 1996, in Class 96-125; and,

WHEREAS, Officer Rob Pitts served as a SWAT operator with the Terre Haute Special Response Team beginning in 2008; and,

WHEREAS, Officer Rob Pitts worked as a member of the THPD Street Crimes Unit and U.S. Marshal's Task Force; and,

WHEREAS, as an officer with the Terre Haute Police Department, Officer Pitts received the following commendations: 2006, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 Grand Cordon Medal, 2007 and 2008 Honorable Service Medal, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, and 2017 Unit Citation Medal, 2007 Good Conduct Medal, 2015 Meritorious Service Medal, 2007 and 2018 Combat Cross Medal, and 2018 Medal of Honor (posthumous); and,

WHEREAS, Officer Rob Pitts has served this community as a public safety employee for sixteen years; and,

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2018, Terre Haute Police Officer Rob Pitts made the ultimate sacrifice for this community when he was mortally injured in the line of duty.

WHEREAS, this community wishes to pay honor to the service, bravery, commitment, and sacrifice that Terre Haute Police Officer Rob S. Pitts made by memorializing him with a street named in his honor.

WHEREAS, this roadway will serve as a constant reminder to Officer Pitt's family, members of law enforcement, and the citizens of this community of the City's appreciation for the sacrifice that was made to ensure that we live in a safer community.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Erie Canal Road from East Margaret Drive to East Davis Drive shall be designated the "Officer Rob S. Pitts Memorial Way"; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Public Works and Safety, while not changing Erie Canal Road's designation or signage, be directed to prepare signs indicating such memorial and having them placed at appropriate points along the way.

Introduced by: _____ Amy Auler, Councilperson

George Azar, Councilperson

Martha Crossen, Councilperson

Curtis Debaun IV, President

O. Earl Elliott, Councilperson

Neil Garrison, Councilperson

Don Morris, Councilperson

Karrum Nasser, Councilperson

Todd Nation, Councilperson

Passed in open Council this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Curtis DeBaun IV, President

ATTEST: _____ Michelle L. Edwards, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Michelle L. Edwards, City Clerk

Approved by me, the Mayor, this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Duke A. Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST: _____ Michelle L. Edwards, City Clerk